

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter recited therein. Therefore its rejection has rendered moot.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tiedemann et al. 5,987,326. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter recited therein. Therefore its rejection has rendered moot.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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